

## FRENCH INDQ-CHINA

the Eurasian is definitely absorbed by one race or the other, so that resolving the problem is more educational and social than eugenic. It is an evasion of the issue to send Eurasians to France, where the prevailing exotic tradition has given Orientals a glamour that insures hospitable reception. But to begin with, this is impossible on a large enough scale to settle the problem, aside from anything else. The place for Eurasians seems definitely to be in the colony provided that they can be formed into a serviceable link between the two people whose blood runs in their veins. They need social roots and emotional stability—such as the Sino-Annamite half-breeds have. Private charity, one of the most commendable of the early Mission enterprises, is excellent so far as it goes, but its alleviation is necessarily temporary, and does not prevent the Eurasians from forming a class apart. The state recently has recognized its responsibility by subsidizing these private institutions, but modifying the legal status of Eurasians has been a far greater contribution.

## NATIVE REACTION TO CONTACTS WITH FRENCH COLONIALS

Whoa the Court of Annam sent ambassadors to Paris in 1893 they took with than a letter for the French President, in which the character representing Annam was placed so as to dominate that of France, thus reducing the latter to the position of a vassal state. This insult was diaracterisrtlcally Oriental. The fact that the French failed to grasp its significance did not prevent the Annamites from relishing their insolence\* The Annamite language abounds in insults and coxnplioieite but it an expert to appreciate the shades of irony under the respectful exterior. Hie 'Chinese domination of Annam is

responsible for  
tMs characteristic, which is based on the fear of openly  
expressing contempt for those who are superiors by force of arms, and  
disdain for the Western Barbarian as inherently inferior to the Chinese.

It natural that the Scholar class, impregnated with 'Chinese aid disdain of the West to tiaeir resentment of the Freacl destruction of the mandarimte, of which they were the main-stay. 'They regarded as traitors any who were wiffing to co-operate with tite coaijiiie<>iB-^whMi made it impossible for the French to fi^cl good

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**in the through study and meditation mixed with opium and tea,**